

The Blessing of God

2 Samuel 5:6-6:23

Introduction: What are the signs that God is blessing? For David that question is answered in the text of 2 Samuel 5:6-10:19.

Precept: God uses a broken man to lead his people and bring about his will in Israel. This is God's doing and He is very good at bringing about blessing for his people through this means.

Question: So what do we do with leaders who are flawed by sinful patterns and distorted judgment? First, do they truly know the Lord? Second, do they want to do what is right; do they know that what they are doing is right and measure it by scripture?

Precept: The best 'living situation' is a self-governed leader leading self-governed people, and both are self-governed by the precepts of Scripture and the Holy Spirit of God. .

First Blessing - 2 Samuel 5:6-8 - Jerusalem (Exodus 23:23; 33:2; 34:11; Deuteronomy 7:1-2; 20:17). Jerusalem would be a kind of trophy of obedience to God and David initiated this obedience.

Second Blessing - 2 Samuel 5:9-10 - God is with David - The presence and wisdom of God is vital to any kind of material, social or political success and the more people who are on board with this idea the better things can be.

Third Blessing - 2 Samuel 5:11-12 - A palace with the help of Hiram, King of Tyre - In many respects this is a symbol of God's blessing—the King has a proper house; a palace from which to lead God's people.

Fourth Blessing - 2 Samuel 5:13-16 - A growing family - Psalms 127

Fifth Blessing - 2 Samuel 5:17-25 - Destruction of the Philistines

Sixth Blessing - 2 Samuel 6:1-23 - The Symbol of God's presence - The Ark of the Covenant comes to Jerusalem

Conclusion: Chapter 6 is an essential chapter in a story that began in Genesis 12 & 15. God promised Abraham that he would make of him a great nation and as David leads the procession of the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem God's plans for his people, their worship and the nation that he intended to use comes to fulfillment. Things have changed but the people of God have always been blessed as they obey the Lord and walk in his ways—nothing has changed.

In Exodus it appears that God's first earthly abode was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-20) and once the Tabernacle was completed the presence and glory of God settled in the Holy of Holies of that tent (Exodus 40:34-38). Once David took Jebus and brought the Ark of the Covenant into the City of Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6) and once Solomon builds the Temple (1 Kings 8) the presence of God again takes over the scene and God's glory overwhelms the King and his people. God's presence is the blessing we should all desire.